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SUBJ: PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1976 NATIONAL SEAS BILL

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1. INFO REQUESTED REF B WILL BE CABLED TO DEPT ON RETURN PNG
LOS ADVISOR APRIL 21.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED NARRATIVE CURRENT LOS FILM ISSUED BY
USIA ENTITLED "TOWARD THE LAW OF THE SEA" CONTAINS FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

"BY AND LARGE MOST NATIONS AGREE TODAY THAT A UNIVERSALLY
EXPANDED 12 MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AS
PART OF A NEW LAW OF THE SEA CHARTER".

"ONLY THE FIRST 12 MILES OF COASTAL WATERS--CALLED THE
TERRITORIAL ZONE--WOULD BE UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE
COASTAL STATES. MOST NATIONS AGREE THAT FREEDOM OF
NAVIGATION MUST BE PRESERVED AND THAT THIS CAN BE GENERALLY BE
ACCOMPLISHED EVEN WITH EXPANSION OF THE TERRITORIAL ZONE TO
12 MILES".

"A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PREVIOUS LAW OF THE SEA
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CONFERENCE HAS BEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSENSUS TO
EXPAND TERRITORIAL SEAS TO 12 MILES FROM AGREED-UPON
BOUNDARIES WHILE PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF UNIMPEDED
TRANSIT THROUGH, OVER AND UNDER STRAITS USED FOR
INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION".

3. PNG GAINED INDEPENDENCE ONLY IN 1975 AND ITS

POLICIES REFLECT ATTITUDES CURRENTLY IN VOGUE IN
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE GPNG WOULD BE CONFUSED
BY RECEIPT OF PROTEST NOTE FROM USG SINCE IT BELIEVES
12 MILE LIMIT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY AT LARGE. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE OF GREATER
UTILITY TO SIMPLY PROVIDE GPNG WITH A DETAILED EXPOSITION
OF OUR POSITION WITH INDICATION THAT WE DESIRE THEM TO
HOLD OPEN OPTIONS UNTIL A FINAL CONSENSUS IS REACHED AT
THE OPENING LOS CONFERENCE.

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